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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

Other applications related to the present invention include:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/818,502 (pending)

No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.


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A first office action, notice of allowance or issue fee notification has not been received in this case, so Applicant does not believe that a fee is due. However, if any such fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

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	JP 6-005537	01/14/94	Casio Comput Co., Ltd.			06/22/92
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OTHER PUBLICATIONS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages)	
	1) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/818,502 (pending) to Yamazaki et al, filed March 28, 2001, including specification, claims, abstract, drawings and PTO filing receipt. 2) English abstract re Japanese Patent Application No. 6-005537, published January 14, 1994. 3) English abstract re Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-021776, published January 21, 2000.

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